THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Our concern over terrorism and anti-India activities by agencies/organisations inimical to India's interests including the ISI has been conveyed to the Governments of the neighbouring countries including Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar and Nepal. Regular discussions for strengthening cooperation to curb terrorism and other illegal activities are held through existing institutional mechanisms and in the consultations at political and diplomatic level. These countries have categorically conveyed to us that they will not allow their territory to be used for activities directed against India.

Government has on numerous occasions called upon Pakistan to end its sponsorship of cross-border terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of India, and reiterated India's firm resolve to root out terrorism. Government has also, appropriately and effectively, brought to the attention of the international community facts pertaining to Pakistan's sponsorship of cross-border terrorism. The matter has also been raised during high level interactions with several world leaders. Pakistan's involvement in cross-border terrorism is now being openly acknowledged by the international community and this is often reflected in the media coverage Pakistan receives these days.

The international community has expressed strong support for India's determination to defeat terrorism. The widespread international consensus today is that there is no justification for terrorism, which must be eradicated wherever it exists. Some countries have also called upon Pakistan to end its sponsorship of cross-border terrorism in India.

Assistance to Andhra Pradesh Haj Committee

1245. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Haj Committee has provided financial assistance to Andhra Pradesh Haj Committee for construction of Haj Houses in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of Haj Houses constructed in the State and how many are functional?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Haj Committee, Mumbai provided financial assistance of Rs. 79,60,000/- to the Andhra Pradesh State Haj Committee for construction of Haj House at Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh in three instalments, as per the following details:—

(i) On 06.12.1999	Rs. 25,00,000.00
(ii) On 12.02.2001	Rs. 24,60,000.00
(iii) On 22.10.2001	Rs. 30,00,000.00
Total	Rs. 79,60,000.00

(c) There is only one Haj House constructed in Andhra Pradesh at Hyderabad, which is functional.

Eleventh SAARC Summit

1246. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India participated in the Eleventh SAARC Summit held in Nepal recently;

(b) if so, issues raised by India at the Summit;

(c) the SAARC nation's reactions thereto;

(d) how far India has been successful in presenting its case; and

(e) the outcome of the SAARC Conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following were the main issues that were deliberated upon by all the Member Countries including India. Regional Cooperation on Economic & Trade Issues, Poverty Alleviation, Cooperation in Social & Cultural Sectors, Welfare of Women and Children in South Asia, Cooperation in the Fields of Education, Tourism, Cooperation